



WHITE SANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

1. Welcome by Principal

I wish you a Happy New Year and hope you have had a good bonding time with your children during the December holidays. I would like to welcome all the staff and pupils back to a new school year 2020.

My team and I would like to thank all staff, parents and pupils for a smooth and successful year of merger in 2019 as we forge to create our identity as a newly merged school. All staff in the school have worked hard to put processes and structures in place, and most importantly in building good relationships with our parents and stakeholders.

To further guide our school direction in the next five years, we have crafted our new vision and mission statements in addition to our existing values and motto.

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The six values remain the same: Care, Respect, Responsible, Resilient, Rallying Together and Excellence (C4RE – pronounced as CARE). We hope that you could partner us to reinforce these values at home so that they can be imbued in our children.

In WSPS, we believe in and apply Daniel Kim's Core Theory of Success to our work, from planning to sustaining results. The model suggests that as the quality of relationships among people who work together increases, the quality of thinking improves. When the level of thinking is heightened, the quality of actions is likely to improve. In turn, the quality of results increases as well. Achieving high quality results as a team generally has a positive effect on the quality of relationships, thus creating a virtuous cycle of better and better results.



Together as a White Sands family, I look forward to working with you to make White Sands Primary School a conducive and caring environment where our children forged lasting friendships and wonderful memories learning, growing and excelling together.

2. Staff Movement

- a) I am pleased to welcome our new Vice Principal, Ms Rezina Khan into our White Sands Family. She has 25 years of experience in the education fraternity and was formerly a Year Head from Telok Kurau Primary School.

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- b) I would like to welcome the following staff to the WSPS family:
- Mdm Fatimah Bte Mohd Tahir (MT teacher)
 - Mdm Zulaiha Bte Osman (Math/Sci teacher)
 - Mr Shahrizam Bin Sabtu (PE teacher)
 - Mrs Han Pei Yuan (School Counsellor)
- c) I would also like to congratulate the following Key Personnel on their new roles in 2020:
- Mdm Naziathul Suhailah Ibrahim (Senior Teacher/Lower Pri)
 - Mr Mohamed Razlee B Bidin (Subject Head/Student Management)
 - Mrs Daphne Seah (Level Head/Math)
 - Mr Bryan Foo (Subject Head/CCA)
- d) I also take the opportunity to bid farewell to the following staff who have left the school. We thank them for all their contributions and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.
- Mr Shoeb
 - Mr Ang Chun Yong
 - Ms Ong Yiu Yah
 - Mdm Tan Meo Cher
 - Mrs Katherine Chow
 - Mdm Saliana Bte Mohamed Salleh
 - Mdm Yue Wei'en Deborah
 - Mr Muhd Azhar Bin Mokhtar

Below are the email address of school leaders and key personnel for your reference.

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3. Pupil Handbook Details

All pupils would have received the Pupil Handbook 2020. Please do spend some time to go through the details provided in the Handbook. We would like to draw parents' attention to the section on school rules, school procedures, school uniform and school assessment.

4. White Sands on Social Media

Our school maintains a presence on Facebook. This is a platform for us to share on the vibrancy of learning in our school, relevant resources and interesting news. Parents can access it at <https://www.facebook.com/whitesandsprimaryschoolofficial>. Please be informed that photos of students for their involvement during various events and learning experiences will be posted on this page. Parents are to contact Mr Liew Guan Jie at liew_guan_jie@schools.gov.sg if they have any feedback on the matter.

5. Parents Gateway (PG)

The school uses the PG mobile app to convey important messages and notifications to parents such as the monthly In-Link Bulletin. Developed by MOE and GovTech, PG allows parents to engage with the school, receive information and perform a range of administrative functions such as giving of consent and declaring of travel intention.

We would like to invite you to download the PG mobile app on your mobile phone (available on iOS and Android platforms only) and perform a simple one-time on-boarding process if you have not done so. This will help avoid any disruptions in communications as PG will be the main mode of communications with parents. Please refer to Annex A for a step-by-step guide. Please note that future In Link Bulletin will be uploaded into PG platform.

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6. Co-curricular Activities (CCA) Schedule for Semester 1

In White Sands Primary School, we believe that CCA form an integral part of our students' holistic education. Through CCA, our students discover their strengths, interests and talents. It also helps to develop values and life skills that are essential for them to do well in life.

This year, our CCA (for Primary 3 to Primary 6 students) will start in Term 1 Week 2 and it will be conducted on **Wednesdays from 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.** (except for Football Girls CCA will start from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. instead) The CCA schedule is as stated below:

TERM 1		TERM 2	
Week 1	No CCA	Week 1	25 Mar 2020
Week 2	15 Jan 2020	Week 2	1 Apr 2020
Week 3	22 Jan 2020	Week 3	8 Apr 2020
Week 4	29 Jan 2020	Week 4	15 Apr 2020
Week 5	5 Feb 2020	Week 5	22 Apr 2020
Week 6	12 Feb 2020	Week 6	29 Apr 2020
Week 7	19 Feb 2020	Week 7	6 May 2020
Week 8	26 Feb 2020*	Week 8	No CCA
Week 9	4 Mar 2020	Week 9	20 May 2020
Week 10	11 Mar 2020	Week 10	27 May 2020

Please note that some CCAs may have additional training sessions, which the CCA teacher-in-charge will inform you separately.

*P6 pupils will be excluded from CCA due to CA1. They will be dismissed at 1.30pm.

7. School Hours on Eve of Chinese New Year, 24 January 2020

Please note that school will function from 7.45am to 10.15am on Friday, 24 January 2020.

Pupils are to report to school as per normal. They are strongly encouraged to be in red coloured top with the school shorts/skirts or Chinese traditional costume with school shoes. Pupils may also come to school in their school uniform.

Please ensure that your children have their breakfast before coming to school as there will be no recess breaks on that day. A snack break will be given hence please prepare some light snacks for your child. Parents are to make the necessary transport arrangements for their children. For pupils taking the school bus, the school has informed the bus operator of the change in the school hours for this date.

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8. School-Parents Engagement and Communication Sessions (SPECS)

Research has shown that increased parental involvement in the education of their children positively affects the educational development and success of their children in school. SPECS will be carried out in Term 1 to provide you with a better understanding of your child's/ward's learning experience in school so that you could provide him/her with the necessary care, support and reinforcement at home.

More information about the respective level's engagement session will be sent to you via Parents Gateway in the coming weeks. Do keep a lookout for it!

9. P4 Values In Action - Project EXCITE! (EXperiencing Community Involvement Through Engagement of self and others!)

In our efforts to provide learning experiences to nurture our pupils into socially responsible citizens who contribute meaningfully to the community, the P4 pupils will take part in "Project EXCITE!" on Saturday, 11 January 2020 from 8.30am to 11.30am.

Pupils will have the opportunity to collaborate with their peers to present residents from blocks 180 to 194 in the Pasir Ris neighbourhood, with mandarin oranges along with their well wishes in advance celebration of the upcoming Chinese New Year.

If you are residing in one of these blocks, do support the pupils by welcoming them as they wish you and your family a very happy lunar new year.

10. Designated Collection Time for Cash Payments

Parents who wish to make cash payments at our school's General Office may do so at the following time:

Day	Time
Monday to Friday (excluding Public Holidays)	9 am to 3 pm

A receipt will be given to parents for the cash payments made.

11. Management of Traffic Situation

In managing illegal parking along the road and immediate vicinity outside the school, the school has engaged the service of Certis Cisco traffic wardens on the first four days of school during the early mornings and school dismissal. They will be stationed near the multi-storey carpark at block 180A and block 183 to manage traffic.

We would also like to seek parents' cooperation to abide by the traffic rules so as not to cause any inconvenience to the residents staying in the nearby blocks or compromise on the safety of our pupils.

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12. Major Events and Holidays for Term 1

Date	Event	Remarks
11 Jan (Sat)	P4 VIA Project EXCITE	
16 Jan (Thu)	Start of P3 Swimsafer Programme	
22 Jan (Wed)	Prefects' Investiture	P5 & P6 prefects
24 Jan (Fri)	Chinese New Year Celebration	School will function from 7.45am to 10.15am
27 Jan (Mon) 28 Jan (Tues)	Chinese New Year Public Holiday Chinese New Year School Holiday	Pupils are to return to school on 29 Jan
6 Feb (Thu) 7 Feb (Fri)	P6 Malay Camp	After school hours
7 Feb (Fri)	School-Parents Engagement and Communication Session (SPECS)	P5 & P6
14 Feb (Fri)	School-Parents Engagement and Communication Session (SPECS)	P3 & P4
21 Feb (Fri)	School-Parents Engagement and Communication Session (SPECS)	P2
27 Feb (Thu)	P6 CA1 Eng	More details will be provided at a later date.
28 Feb (Fri)	P6 CA1 Math	
2 Mar (Mon)	P6 CA1 MT	
3 Mar (Tues)	P6 CA1 Sci	
4 Mar (Wed)	P6 CA1 HMT	
6 Mar (Fri)	School-Parents Engagement and Communication Session (SPECS)	P1
11 Mar (Wed)	Prefects Investiture	P3 & 4
12 Mar (Thu)	P5 Sci Learning Journey	
13 Mar (Fri)	Sports Carnival	
14 Mar (Sat) – 22 Mar (Sun)	Term 1 Vacation	

13. Home-School Partnership

I would like to share a recent article from the Schoolbag website. Entitled, "How to help your child reach for the stars (or Mars)". It features an interview with Dr Ayanna Howard, an expert in STEM, on her journey towards excellence.

It is an interesting read and a good reminder to both parents and educators of how our actions and words could impact our children. Attached is the QR code for your easy access. Hope you will enjoy the read!



Once again, thank you for your kind attention to the contents of this bulletin. Looking forward to a fulfilling Term 1 2020 with your children.

Your partner-in-education,

Ms Audrey Wong
Principal

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Step 1 – SingPass Registration and 2FA Setup

SingPass 2-Step Verification (2FA) is required for on-boarding. If you have not registered for a SingPass or have not set up the 2FA, please visit the SingPass website (<https://www.singpass.gov.sg>), or scan the QR codes below to do so. Should you require further assistance, please contact SingPass Helpdesk at 6643-0555.



Step 2 – Download Parents Gateway Mobile App

- Open the Apple App Store or Google Play Store app on your mobile phone.
- Search for the 'Parents Gateway' mobile app, or scan the QR code below.



- Download and install the app onto your phone.
- Enable '**Allow Notifications**' to receive push notifications.

Note: Supported OS Versions - **Android 5.0 or later & iOS 9.1 or later**

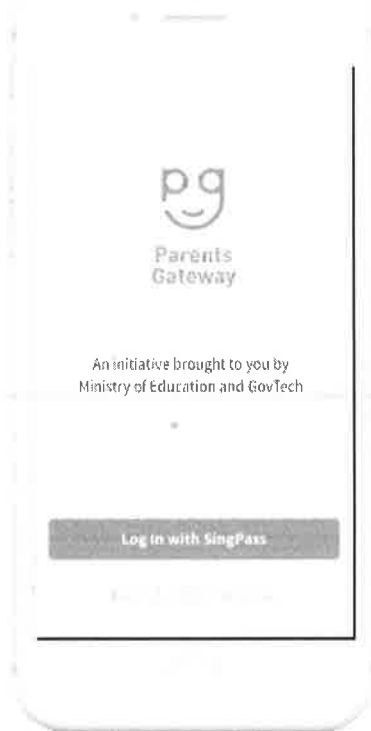
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Step 3 – One-Time On-boarding

1. Tap on “Log in with SingPass”



2. Log in with your SingPass (2FA)



3. Tap on “Retrieve” to retrieve your child(ren)’s information

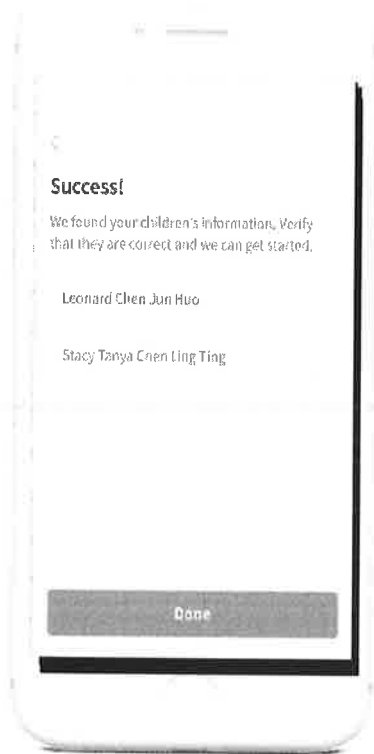


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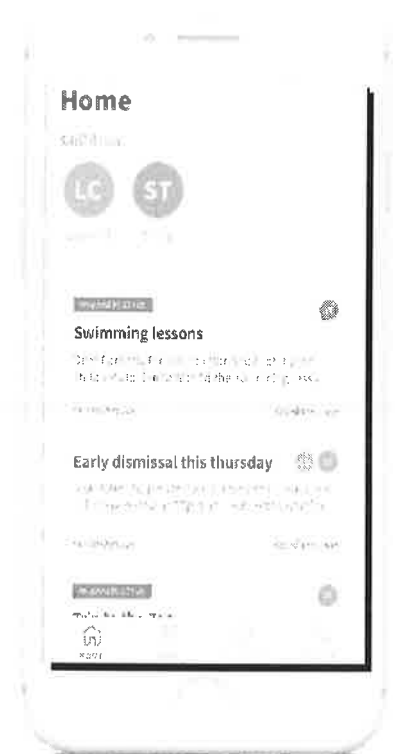
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4. Tap on "Done" to complete on-boarding



5. You should see your child(ren)'s school announcements and activities (if any)



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